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SUBJ: US- EC TRADE POLICY ISSUES

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BEGIN SUMMARY. IN COURSE PAST WEEK, EMBASSY MADE SEVERAL ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIONS TO DANISH GOVERNMENT, EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE OF ARTICLE XXIV:6 AND OF OTHER TRADE POLICY ISSUES. DANES CONFIRMED GENERALLY SYMPTATHETIC ATTITUDE TOWARD US CONCERNS AND INDICATED THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO PLAY POSITIVE ROLE ON THESE MATTERS IN EC.

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THEY WERE UNFAMILIAR WITH WINE CAP ISSUE, ASKED FOR DETAILS
(WHICH WE ARE SUPPLYING) AND SAID THEY WOULD TRY TO BE HELPFUL.
END SUMMARY

1. AS FOLLOW- UP TO DEPUTY ASST SECY RENNER' S MEETING WITH DANES
JUNE 18 (REF C), EMBOFFS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS DURING WEEK
REITERATED TO FONOFF OFFICIALS IMPORTANCE USG PLACES ON SATIS-
FACTORY AND EARLY CONCLUSION OF ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS,
INCLUDING POINTS CITED REF A. FONOFF OFFICIALS CONFIRMED THEY
WERE BRIEFED ON RENNER PRESENTATION TO CHRISTENSEN AND THAT
DENMARK DOES NOT RPT NOT SHARE " NO DEBT" POSITION TOWARD US
TAKEN BY OTHERS IN EC.

2. IN MORE GENERAL DISCUSSION WITH FONOFF CHIEF OF AGRICULTURAL
POLICE OFFICE (NETTERSTROM), E/ C OFF AND AGATT REVIEWED PRINCIPAL
US- EC AGRICULTURAL ISSUES (REF B WAS HELPFUL THIS REGARD) .
NETTERSTROM CONFIRMED DANES CONTINUE TO LOOK ASKANCE AT SEVERAL
ASPECTS OF EC MEDITERRANEAN POLICY PROPOSALS, PARTICULARLY
REVERSE PREFERENCES, BUT THEIR MAJOR INTEREST IS TO ASSURE LOWEST
POSSIBLE FOOD PRICES (I. E., OF PRODUCTS DENMARK DOES NOT PRODUCE).
THIS REGARD, THEY WERE PLEASED WITH FURTHER CUTS IN CITRUS TARIFFS
WHICH EC AGMINS RECOMMENDED, BUT HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT
DISCRIMINATORY PREFERENCE MARGIN FAVORING MAGHREB STATES
(80 PERCENT) OVER OTHER MED COUNTRIES (60 PERCENT). HE SAID
MINISTER NORGAARD PLANS TO PROPOSE AT JUNE 25-26 COUNCIL
MEETING THAT PREFERENCE MARGIN BE SET AT 80 PERCENT FOR ALL MED
COUNTRIES. WE EMPHASIZED CONTINUING US CONCERNS OVER EFFECTS
SUCH SPECIAL PREFERENCES ON US CITRUS EXPORTS. NETTERSTROM WAS
NOT PARTICULARLY SYMPATHEITC IN VIEW, AS HE TERMED
IT, GREATER NEED FOR ASSISTING EXPORTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
ON CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, HE DID NOT FEEL THAT US
WOULD BE HURT MY MINIMUM PMPORT PRICES, BUT RECALLED OUR
EARLIER REPRESENTATIONS AND SAID OUR CONCERNS ARE BEING KEPT
IN MIND.

3. WE DISCUSSED THE WINE CAP BRIEFLY AND LEARNED NETTERSTROM
WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH PROBLEM. HE ASKED FOR RESUME OF US
POSITION WHICH WE ARE SUPPLYING. HE AGREED IT WOULD BE UNFORT-
UNATE TO HAVE US WINES BARRED FROM COMMUNITY ON TECHNICALITIES
AND SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO MATTER.

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